

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 33 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

-- Torasemide (US 4018929) has a crystalline structure with a melting point of 163-164°C and is a potent diuretic with an extensive clinical use. Torasemide mainly acts by inhibiting sodium reabsorption in the ascending limb of Henle's loop (Puschett JB and Jordan LL. Mode of action of Torasemide in man. *Progress in Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology*. 1990;8(1):7-13). Torasemide interferes with $\text{Na}^+2\text{Cl}^-\text{K}^+$ pump in the luminal cell membrane and blocks the basolateral chloride conductance (Greger R. Inhibition of active NaCl ~~reabsorption~~ reabsorption in the thick ascending limb of the loop of Henle by torasemide. *Arzneim Forsch./Drug Res.* 1988;38(1):151-155).--